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SUBJ: LOS: EVENSEN GROUP MEETING

REF: STATE 172436

1. AN EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON DR JAGOTA AT MID-AFTERNOON JULY 24. THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR IN DELHI HAD AN HOUR EARLIER DELIVERED TO HIM A COMMUNICATION FROM EVENSEN INVITING THE GOI TO TAKE PART IN THE GENEVA MEETING. DR JAGOTA SAID HE HAD NOT KNOWN OF THE MEETING UNTIL RECEIPT OF THE LETTER, WHICH WAS DATED JULY 12.

2. DR JAGOTA RESPONDED TO THE POINTS IN THE REFTEL BY SAYING THAT HE SHARED OUR BELIEF THAT THE EVENSEN GROUP MEETINGS WOULD BE IMPORTANT. AS COUNTRIES WITH HIGHLY-DEVELOPED MARITIME TECHNOLOGY, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD VIEWS ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WHICH DIFFERED FROM THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH INDIA WAS NOT SO "NATIONALISTIC"

AS SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES. DR JAGOTA SAID THAT HE WAS AS YET UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER HE COULD ATTEND THE GENEVA MEETINGS. THE QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND HE HOPED TO HAVE AN ANSWER IN ABOUT TEN DAYS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE US SIDE'S INTEREST IN MEETING PRIVATELY, HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO SO IF HE ATTENDS. IF NOT, HE WILL BRIEF THE GOI REPRESENTATIVE AND SUCH A MEETING COULD STILL TAKE PLACE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE INDIAN SIDE WOULD PROBABLY NOT ARRIVE UNTIL THE EVENSON GROUP ITSELF BEGAN MEETING.

4. COMMENT: DR JAGOTA SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST. WE WILL CONTACT HIS OFFICE IN TEN DAYS OR SO IF HE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY ADVISED US.
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